MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Range Officer made the necessary enquiries.

Leasing of Kanni Elam Gardens.

224 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the conditions under which Kanni *Elam* Gardens are leased out?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A copy of the Rules containing the conditions is placed on the table.

Veterinary Hospital in Nedumangad taluk.

225 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any action has been taken to start a veterinary hospital or dispensary in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the agriculturists in the taluk feel the necessity for a veterinary hospital or dispensary there?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government placed the proposal before the Finance Committee. It was not passed by the Committee.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it was the official members or the non-official members of the Finance Committee that opposed the proposal?

PRESIDENT: Are the Proceedings of the Finance Committee public property? Are they being published?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes.

PRESIDENT: Have they been published?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No.

PRESIDENT: Wait until they are published. You will get material for a number of questions. Nedumangad might not have been treated fairly by the Finance Committee. (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reasons that weighed with the Finance Committee in not passing this proposal?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Want of funds

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether, when funds become available, Government will reconsider this matter?

PRESIDENT: That is hypothetical. When funds become available, there may arise other matters more important than Nedumangad (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If the Government knew that funds were not available, may I know why the matter was placed before the Finance Committee at all?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): For the funds available, the Finance Committee considered other matters more urgent than this.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it want of funds or the matter not being very urgent that weighed with the Finance Committee in turning down this proposal ?

PRESIDENT : Both coupled, as I understand.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Do the Government generally place before the Finance Committee proposals for which they are aware they have no funds ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government place before the Finance Committee a number of proposals. For the funds available, the Finance Committee chose proposals according to urgency.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : When this matter was placed before the Finance Committee, were the Government sure that they would have funds ?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Then may I know what the member meant when he said that the scheme did not materialise because of want of funds ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): More important items of work were sanctioned , and so no funds were left for this.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Then may I take it that there will be presented a list of undertakings for some of which they know they have funds and for some others they will not have funds ?

PRESIDENT : Works are chosen in the order of importance and urgency. I cannot understand the purpose of your question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): If the member had answered the question as it is now being answered by the Chair, there would have been no supplementary question.

PRESIDENT : The member added that this was not considered sufficiently important.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With reference to part (*b*), what is the machinery that the Government employ to ascertain the feelings of people ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is the Department of Agriculture who know the needs of the agriculturists. When the Director of Agriculture recommends the opening of a veterinary hospital there, Government know that the people feel the necessity for it.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I ask whether, generally, proposals are placed before the Finance Committee irrespective of the question of funds ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Lady Upadhyayas and Mahopadhyayas.

226 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of ladies who have passed the Upadhyaya and Mahopadhyaya examinations in the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): During the years 1101 to 1110, 6 ladies have passed the Upadhyaya Examination and 3 ladies the Mahopadhyaya Examination.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the three ladies who have passed the Mahopadhaya Examination have been given suitable appointments?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The information is not now available with me. If the member would put down his question, I should be glad to try and gather the information.

Expenditure on the depressed classes.

227 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned in the last budget for the uplift of the depressed classes and the amount spent out of it through the Department of the Protector of the Depressed Classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

Amount sanctioned	Rs. 10,000.
Amount spent	Rs. 2,350

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): ഫ ഫ ച o ലെ ബഡ്ജറിൽ പതിനായിരം രൂപാ ചേർത്തിരുന്നതിൽ ര,ന ങ o -രൂപാ ചെലവാക്കി എന്ന മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നു. ബാക്കിയുള്ള സംഖ്യ ചെലവാക്കാത്തതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): ഈ ആണ്ടു് ഇടവമാസംവരെയുള്ള കണക്കാണു് ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അതിനുശേഷവും കുറേക്കൂടി ചെലവാക്കിയിരിക്കണം.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether Government sanction is necessary for expenditure of money by the Protector?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The powers of officers to spend money are regulated by certain provisions in the Account Code.

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